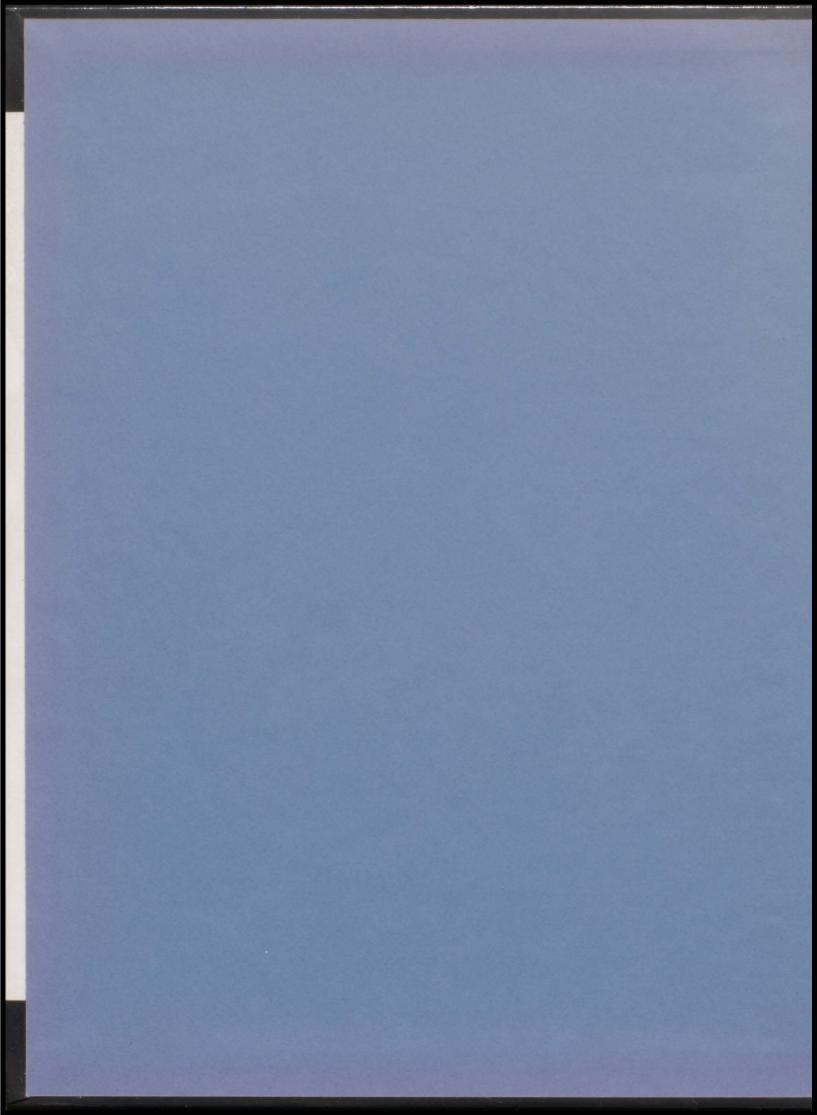
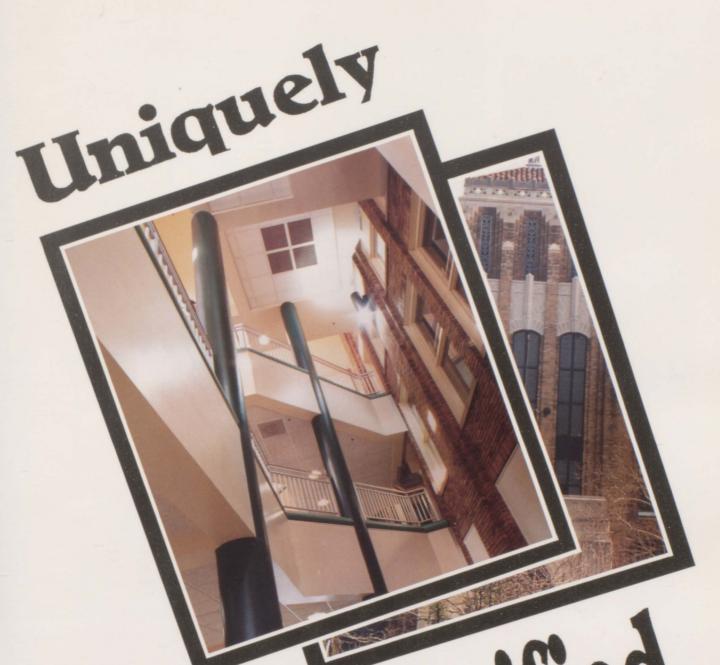
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Something Old, Something New ...

The class of 1996 has the distinction of graduating from the newly extended and renovated Arts High School. The talents and determination of many have contributed to this achievement. The class of 96 has proven leadership and artistic ability ensuring that they are a class with supernatural strength. They are a class willing to do anything to keep their old bonds with each other seem like new.

Arts High School is more than a school to the class of 1996, it is a home that has taught them so much about growth and love. It has given them the foundation of character development and individualism. Hopefully, all classes to come will acquire the same characteristics, making them as "Uniquely Unified" as the class of 1996!

Many seniors have learned to enjoy the new facilities. They have become accustomed to the new structure, and the new usage of our school colors in the halls of the new and old Arts High School.





Uniquely LOOKING AT THE CLASS OF 1996

Throughout the years, the senior class has created friendships that will become the foundation to help form new bonds as its graduates begin to take their steps into the big world. The lessons that they have learned from each other at Arts High School will prepare them as they fill the blank pages in the new chapters of their lives. The renovated and upgraded building will be here long after graduation. Members of the Class of 1996 hope that there will be a continuation of the environment necessary for others to gain knowledge and to form bonds as strong as theirs have been.

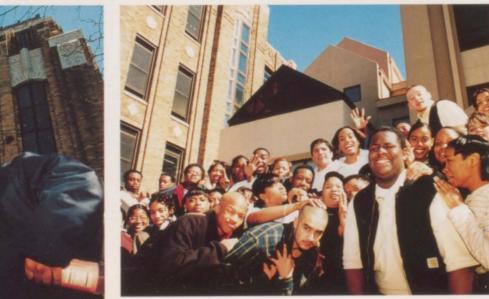
















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O Arts High we sing to you

To the green and grey we're true

Your portals drama, art, and sona

Will forever make you strong

Your halls and your classes hold

The memories of great deeds

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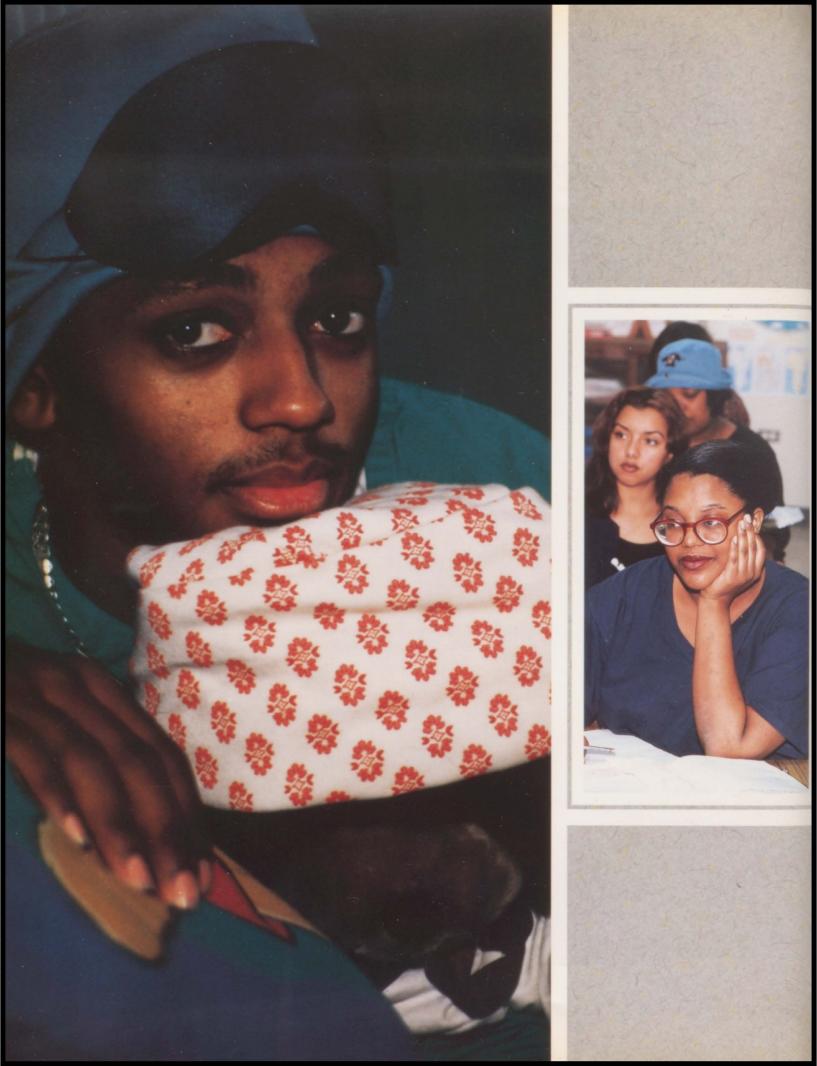
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But our hearts will be with you Arts High

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CLASS OF 1996





Shakira, Kenya and Shakira

SHAKIRA ADAMS "Kira"

This Pisces is going to become a doctor of medicine. I'm an instrumental major. My favorite teacher is Mr. Weinstein. I'm the president of the student council, vice president of the National Honor Society & more. I give thanks 2 God, my mother, father, family, friends, guidance dept., & Ms. Caldwell. R. I. P. Nana, Aunt Alice, David, & Mr. Stokes.

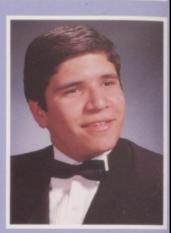




Isidro

ISIDRO AMADOR "Izzv"

My sign is Capricorn ... I'm an art major. Thanks Mr. Gardner. I plan to become an interior designer or an architect. Thanks to all my teachers and fellow classmates for their help. Good Luck in the future.





Calvin, Marcelo and Walter

WALTER ANDREWS "Walt"

To my dear mother and father: "I made it to the end, and I am moving on to make you proud." To my brother: "Thanks for all your help." To all my boys: "Time went by fast." To Corey, AI, Cal, Marcello, and Dave, "much love." To Milia, Cole, and the Shorty Click. "I'll miss v'all."



Syledah, Carolyn and Kaileer

SYIEDAH AVERY "Sanay"

To my closest friends: "Thanks for always being there when I needed you the most. Best wishes & all my luv." Thanks Shakira Adams, Kaileen, Rahmira, & my oldest friend Carolyn. "Your not the bomb" Sike! Be good to all people: The one's you meet on your way up are the one's you're gonna meet on your way down.





Suzv and Silvia

SUZY BARBOSA "Booginha"

Best of luck c/o '96. Don't ever cut yourself short. Remember that anything's possible. Thanks 2 my parents because if it weren't 4 them I wouldn't be here. 2 my 4-ever friend don't ever "change so much!" I want 2 especially thank my boogie Gerard 4 always being there 4 me. I Luv You!!! God Bless Nicole and Tony ... you'll always be in my heart!





Rashana and Mary

MARY BEASLEY "Mary B"

"Y'all know that I'm the bomb!" My favorite teachers are Ms. Brock and Mr. Klelis. I plan to attend college and become a lawyer. The most influential people in my life are my mother and grandfather. Study hard, try your best, pray and believe, and you will make it.





Shakeera, Kiesha, Nikeysha

KIESHA BOWMAN "Ki"

Pisces ... "But I don't understand."Givin' mad shout-outs to my girls Tye and Shak. Thanx for everything. What's up to my other peoples! For all the people who had problems with me: "You fail to realize that the problem was with you, you never got to know me. Learn to open up, and maybe your problem will cease."





Calvin and Andromarque

ANDROMARQUE BREDA "Andromarque"

This Libra would like to say "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get." I have been a vocal major for four years, I'm on the girls' track team, and my future plans include something in business.

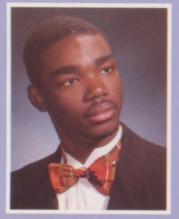






















April, Latisha, and Emily

APRIL A. CLARKE "Bubbles"

To all my friends: "Keep on keeping on." ... To Nat, Jess & Tisha: I leave my famous saying "Boo-ga-Woo-ga" ... To all members of V. B.: Good luck without me! To "Wanky Baby", stay funny! Luv ya! To '96: always remember the experiences we've shared and the friends we've made.



Abraham, Felicia, and Kenya

FELICIA MICHELLE COFFEE "Fe Fe"

First and foremost, I would like to thank God for his many blessings, knowing that without him I would not have made it through these four years. I want to say to Kenya, Abraham, Mary, Greg Mr. Fuller & everyone else, I'll missiva'll! To the class of 96: always strive to be the best! Love ya and God bless!



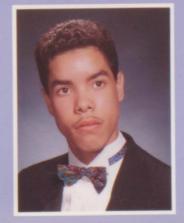




Armando, Luis, and David

LUIS COSME "Lu-Sport"

Art major ... This Capricorn's favorite teacher is Mr. K. I play basketball & baseball, & what I do out of school is no one's affair. I plan to become a TV camera operator. I wanna say "Que Pasa!" to the class of 96. I love you, man! Thanks to mom & fam for all your support. So, I leave you with "you don't know me!"



Arnaldo, Kenneth, and Tyree

KENNETH S. DAVALL JR. "Ken-Dawg"

I would like to thank God who is the head of my life, my parents, my Uncle Wallace & Wayne Williams for everything you've done for me. I would like to give a shot-out to the c/o '96 and to my sister, Kawhana," Keep ya head up!" To all the future senior classes, let's keep it real! Thanks Arnaldo and Tyree for the 8 years in which I've known you.





Richard, Tyesha and Kevin

RICHARD DAVES "Ho!, Rick"

To all my people: Remember, keep strong and don't let anyone in your business. One love to all my peeps, don't ever change. To all my new found friends, I love you. And Tye, babe, I'll never stop loving you for real.





Terrence, Natalie, and Allington

NATALIE SHARICE DAVIS "Nasha"

"Hi people!" I've made it! Now I shall pursue my career goal in architecture. Wanko, I'll never forget you. Friends, K. I. T.; never hesitate to call! To Sherri, all loved ones, and God, thanks! Best wishes to the "Class of 96", may you find success. Remember: "Things are what you make of them, so make the best of all situations."





Shakira, Shakira, and Kenya

SHAKIRA DAWKINS "Kira"

Luv you Mom and Dad. C/O '96 & those who follow, I wish U the best in anything U attempt. The very best wishes to: Shakira A., Kenya, the "Twins", KG, SA, NH, TJ, PH, ND, LH, "Neh-Neh" & Nando. I will always remember bugging out with all of y'all. Keep it real and keep in touch.





Lateesha and Tyesha

LATEESHA DIXON "Teesha"

Thanks to Mr. Colmon for always being a pal ... Sagittarius ... Instrumental music ... Favorite sayings: I gotta tell you something & I'm mad at you. To the classes to come: I wish you the best of luck and I hope that you are as uniquely unified as '96!



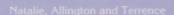


Shakeera, Alnisa and Ryan

SHAKEERA FLEMING "Keera"

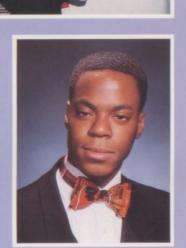
Student Advisory Council ... Psychologist ... "Illo", Kiesha, Nykeysha, Bever-Leigh, Ryan. "If you mind your business, you live a longer life." My friends are my life, without them I wouldn't be able to survive. Everyone that inspired me, you know who you are. Alnisa Davis, I love you! Keep your head up! Ryan, Thanx!





ALLINGTON FRETT "Al Doe"

I'm an Art major. I'm also in the Ar Honor Society ... I play basketball, vol leyball, and kickball. Just want to say thanx Mom and Dad ... Peace to every body. Goodbye to all my friends and teachers. Good luck class of '96!





Natalie, Latisha and Paula

"Woodchuck"

I'm a vocal major ... a Pisces ... and thanks Mentore, Markowitz, Colmon, my mother, grandmother, and members of my church ... I'm in the student council ... My activities: praising the Lord ... I luv my friends. If they're my friends now, they'll always be my friends ... "Like-a-mug" (everything's like a mug)!

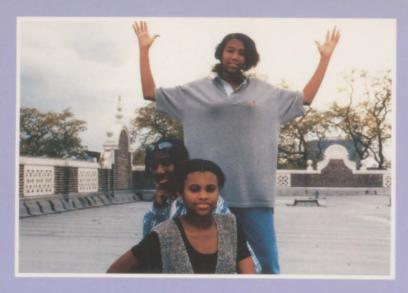


Shakira, Kaileen, and Shakira

KAILEEN ALICIA GRISHAM "Krazee-K"

Thanks to Mr. Mentore, Sherri Long, Brazell, Brock, Syiedah, Shakira A & D, Tyesha and Tenisha. I leave a message of love to c/o '96. To the classes to follow: stay true to your friends but most of all yourself. To Syiedah: no matter how far apart we may be, you'll always have a friend in me. I love you!



















Jessica, Kevin, and Lakisha

LAKISHA S. HORTON "Squeaky"

All thanx go to my friends & God. The best of my years have been around you guys. I wish that I could've been closer to some of you. I hope all of you have the best of luck. That goes for Jessica M., Ryan, Darnell, David P., Cari, Nikki, Keera F., Kiesha, Bever-Leigh, my bus 39-riders & the senior drama class. I love y'all!





Richard and Tyesha

TYESHA DAWN JACKSON "Tye"

To '96: Always succeed, never 4 get where u came from. To my parents: Thanks 4 everything. To Meik: Stay real & know I'm always here. To my girls Teesha, Millah, Fathiyyah & Tanisha: Luv y'all. To my baby Rick: We've made it this far, we only have 4 ever 2 go. Always remember "Tye" ... Peace.

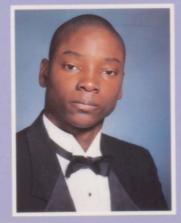




Djenane, Steven, Samanta

"STEVEN ANTONIO JAMES "Steven"

"Wha happen yout! It's about time to graduate and rollupoutta this place" ... I plan to become a musician, a psychologist and a writer ... Most influenced by Samanta Lopez, and Djenna. I am active with basketball and football ... Capricorn ... Big up to all Rude-Dickny up in "Arts". If you wanna be successful, keep it real.

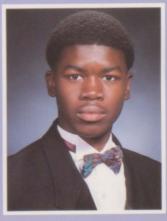




Richard, Kevin, and Lakisha

"Sexy Chocolate"

C/O '96: Thanks 4 making my 4 years at Arts a memorable 1. Remember, live your life for yourself & don't worry about what people think about you, because you can't please everyone! Thanks 2 my people who have been there 4 me: Richard, Alliah, Latisha G., Latisha D., Wendy, Nikeysha, Kiesha, Ah-med, Tye, Bela & all my other special friends!!!!!







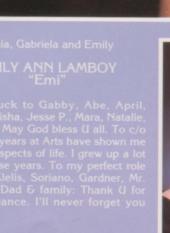
















Carolyn Wendy and Marixa

MARIXA ISABEL LOPEZ "Mara"

8-28-78 ... Thanks and love Mom, Dad, my sisters, and especially Wendy and Julia ... you've always believed in me and given me hope. Much love to Chachy. Cari & the table. Keep it real Class of '96 and don't forget to depend on yourself. You are your greatest influence.





Djenane, Steven, and Samanta

SAMANTA LOPEZ "Traga/Chip"

Chairperson of the Advisory Council, choreographer of Aspira ("Mambo"). Future plans: becoming an educated, successful Hispanic woman of my generation. Dios los bendíga & let our memories keep us united. To the real people: Overcome the negative & never give up. Let your dreams & goals satisfy you all. Love you Mami, Nina & Andy. Goodbye Darlings!





Darnell, Silvia, and Hassan

HASSAN A. MANNING "Hass"

Thanks 2 my family for all of their luv & support ... A special thanks 2 my mother, grandmother, aunt & my Uncle Jesse. You are the ones who molded me into the great person I am today. Peace to c/o '96 & remember friends are 4-ever! To all my friends in '96 "see yah" ... Quamealia, La-Shonda, Shyrone, Chante, Jeffrey, brother & sisters, I Love You!





Jessica, Hassan, and Florbela

FLORBELA SYLVIA MARQUES "Bela"

I'm a Drama Major ... Thanks Mrs. Long & Mom. Let something you love free, if it comes back, it's yours, if it doesn't, it was never meant to be yours. Live life to the fullest ... "Never forget Burger King!" Good luck class of





Jessica, Lakisha and Darnell

JESSICA MARTINEZ "Boriqua"

I would like to say bye-bye to c/o '96, I'll never forget you. Lakisha Horton, my chicki baby. We made it! Kisha I give much respect to you because you've handled everything you've been through, don't let anything hold you down. Oh! Bye to Vivian (Bacalao). God bless us all and P. S. our lunch table.



KARIEM McKAY "Little Mak/Yango"

My major is Drama ... I am a Libra ... My favorite teacher is Mrs. Long-Abeson. I plan to go into business and management. "Keep it REAL guys. Oh, and fellas wear your raincoats!"









"Scott"

2 c/o '96, we made it through 4 long years. We grew 2-gether and the memories will be there when we part. But remember the future holds what tomorrow forgot. 2 all of yall, you're special in my heart. To my friends, you know who you are. Thanks 4 everything you've done. Mom ε Dad Luv. Walk with your head high ε Stay True!



GABRIELA, TANIA and EMILY

GABRIELA MENDEZ "Tata"

I would like 2 thank God, my family & 2 very special teachers, Mr. Klelis & Mr. Gardner, 4 giving me advice & helping me. I wish c/o '96 the best of luck. To Jose, Abraham, Richard, Jorge, Kevin, Tania, Leslie, & Shakira: Thanx for being great friends over the years. Love you all & wish your dreams come true.





Leslie, Armando, and Carolyn

ARMANDO MOUTELA "Mando"

Get over it! Life is short. If u don't stop 2 look around, sometimes u might just miss it! I'd like 2 make a shout-out to my baby Cari, my girl Chachy, Big Lumi mamita Viento, Mara, Tania, Sam, the twins, the 3 amigos, Flagella, Chico & c/o '96. I Luv You Guys! How's that? What, mamita u don't know? You better recognize! Remember Cari, calm down.



Miquel

MIGUEL ANGEL NIEVES, JR. "Miggy"

Scorpio's in the house! I love baseball, too! Wat up! My most influential people are Tyesha and Rahmira. All up in ya!!! Stay real! Remember where you came from and who helped you get to where you wanted to go! Good luck class of '96!





Emily, Jessica, and Gabriela

JESSICA PAREDES "Flaca"

Special thanks to Mr. Gardner who has influenced me a great deal ... Favorite sayings: "okaaay", "I didn't do it", "it wasn, t me!" To the class of '96: I wish you all the best of luck in the future. To my closest friends: I would like to say that it has been fun. So, keep in touch & keep singing!



Suzy, Silvia. and Hassan

"SILVIA C. PASTOR

Para as mas important pessoas da vida; Mommy, Daddy, Lena (who is my everything), Avo, & Manny (the brother I never had) ... Obrigado por tudo e nunca esquesem que eu amo voces con tudo meu coracao ... 2 my 4-ever Friend, this is only the beginning of a lifetime ... Twin, I luv u "MORE" ... Tony, you've changed me & Baby, if I could I'd give u my soul!

















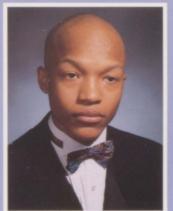




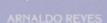
Darnell, David and Corey

DAVID PRYOR "Dave"

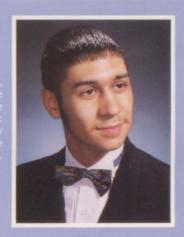
Thanks to all my family and friends for all your support. I have nothing but love for you all: Darnell; my partner and good friend, Corey; you're crazy indeed, Ryan: keep it "on like a can of corn", Hassan, Bev, Al-Nisa, Nikki, and to those I left out keep in mind I love you all. "Word to Burger".







Special thanks to all of my true friends family and teachers ... love to the Male Ensemble, Dr. Smith, Chuck and the class of '96. To all underclassmen strive for the best, never give up, stay strong and keep yo' head up! For the class of '97, stay tight and represent May all your dreams come true.





Ryan, Bever-Leigh, Shakeera

BEVER-LEIGH DELORIS RHODES "Shortie"

Art major ... born under the sign of the Aries (3-27-79) ... Future ambition is 2 become a C. P. A ... Big up 2 my peeps of '96 (you know who you are ... Sheedah, you should've been here). Oh yeah, Good Luck to my girl Nisa. This one's for you MOM!!! I Love You, R. I. P.





Kendra, Hassan and Florbela

"Kendra"

I'm a drama major. My sign is Gemini ... Thanx Mrs. Long-Abeson and my brother ... My future plan is to be a film director ... "Good Luck to everyone in everything you do."





















David Richard, and Jorge

JORGE SANTIAGO "Koko"

Ist o/all, I want 2 thank God 4 his support & guidance. A look out 4 my 2 boys. Rich & Dave. A look 4 my b-friend Stephen & Da Mo. Thanx 4 your prayers Day & Jay! C/o 96 it's been a great 4 yrs but, it's over now, so get over it! If u k. i. t., I'll go over & grab your ears. Bob says, Hay Babe 2 everyone. I'm not conceited, just better t/u.



Leroy, Damien, Kariem

DAMIEN MARK SCIPIC "Damien"

Hey c/o 96, this is Damien here and I'd like to just give love to my click: Lee Skillz, Little Mak, and Na'eem! I didn' really like this school, but I dealt with it I'm an art major and pretty good at it too. I'd like to put on record that I'm a nut and will be one for life. C/O 96 don't cry.





Djenane Dayane and Paula

"Shorty D"

Djenane, Samanta, Carolyn, Paula, & friends, I appreciate your friendships. May we never lose contact. May your dreams come true. You're not alone, I'm here with you, though you're far away, I'm here to stay. Hold on to your dreams. Don't let anyone hold you back from making something of yourself.



Samanta, Djenane, and Carolyn

DJENANE SEMELFORT "Djenane"

My sign is Scorpio. My future career plans include pediatrics or gynecology. The most influential people in my life are my parents, friends, and last, but not least, my sister. I love you soooo much. Carolyn, Samanta, Shakira Dawkins, and Laquetta ... love you all!!!

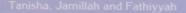






















Darnell, Al-nisa and Ryan

RYAN LARAE TEAL-CARTER "Spankie"

Born under the sign of the Capricorn (1-18-78). Word to Burger to my people of '96, good luck to Nisa, Mike, Twins, Nyesha, Meeka, Dijah, Shortie-Rock, Curts. Love goes out to my mom, sister, cousins, Howard, Jasmine. Rah, and grandma. Yert to Bev-Miester & Ne-Miester. Good luck class of '96!



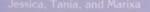


GREG THOMAS "Notorious"

This future architect who plans to make mad money and own a home in Virginia, would like to say: Always work hard, maintain an open mind, and have self-determination. These three things make up the master key to success in the future. Remember to handle your business using any means necessary.







"Bellaca"

8-20-78 ... I want to add recognition to my other friends (not in my picture) Emi, Gabby, Chachy, Wendy, Bela, Kendra, Tesha G., Mando, Abe, Sam, Cari & the rest of you guys. Keep in touch!!! Always take what life offers you. In the long run you'll be glad you took the chance. "Trust me I know"! And to the table, I luv ya, and I'll miss you all.





Kenya, Abraham, and Gabriela

ABRAHAM VILLANGEVA JR. "Leche"

Ist, I want to give thank to God, everyone at church, & to all my teachers for your help. To the underclassmen, "Work hard & never give up." To the class of '96: I wish u the best. To my beautiful girls Kenya, Tata, Emily, Leslie, Tania, Sam, Mara, Quetta, Wendy, Cari, & everyone else: Thank for being the best of friends.





Chinequa, Syledah and Rahmira

CHINEQUA WADE "Nika"

I would like to thank a few people who have been a part of my life throughout my four years at Arts High: my cousin Kristy, Yusef, Rashan, Syiedah, Rahmira, Nicole S. and P., Tanisha and of course, Ryan. Thanks for all the memories ... you trick.



Lionel, Laguetta and Arnaldo

LAQUETTA WASHINGTON "Quitta"

Thanx 2 all my friends 4 all your luv & understanding. Thanx 2 my mom & family. Best wishes 2 Sam, The Twins, Nando, Lionel, c/o '96 & everyone we leave behind 2 follow in our footsteps. Remember, if you want respect, never give up & you'll never fail!







DARNELL WILLIAMS "Biskit"

This Gemini and drama major for four years would like to say thank you for all those who supported me through out my life. Good luck to all my people: Dave, Ryan, Corey, Hassan, Bev, Silvia, Curtis, Al-Nisa, Nikki, and to all of those people I missed. "One love for you all".

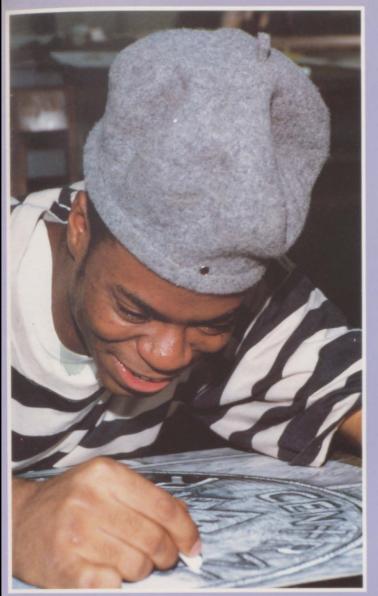


Rashana and Mary

RASHANA LACHELE WYNN "Taz"

Thanks to Tawana Whitehead and Ms. Long for being there for me ... major: Drama ... sign: pisces ... activities: volleyball & youth advisory council. Future plans: child psychology. Message for the c/o '96: "Never give up on your education cause it's more important than you would ever think."







Far left: Allington Frett. Left: Bever-Leigh Rhodes.





Above: Terrence Childs, Mr. Carden, Richard Daves and Richard Calixto. Right: Guest artist, David Ruiz, Leroy Peters, Isidro Amado and Luis Cosme.

Top Left: Rahmira Rufus playing the xylophone. Directly Right: Gabriela Mendez and Mylenya Broughton playing the violin. Hey, Richard you're not a music major! Are you cutting?! Bottom Right: Jessica Paredes, Latisha Graham, & Jocelyn Martinez warming up to sing.

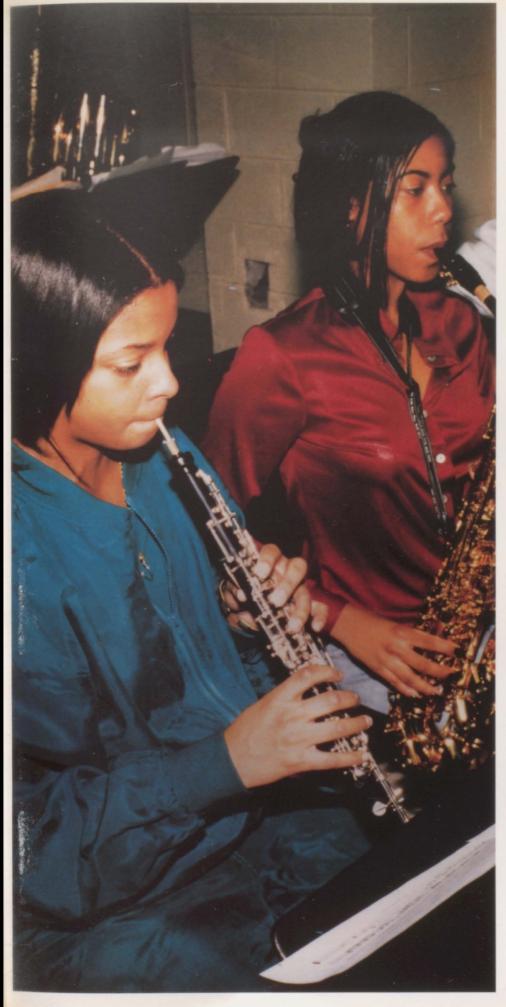




Mesmerizing Senior Music Majors

Vocal elegance and instrumental shimmer are a few characteristics of the senior music majors.





Directly Left: Kenya Jewell playing her oboe and Samanta Lopez producing rich sounds on her saxophone in band rehearsal. Top right: Leslie Solarzano perfecting her technique on the clarinet. Bottom right: Kiesha, aren't you supposed to be singing?





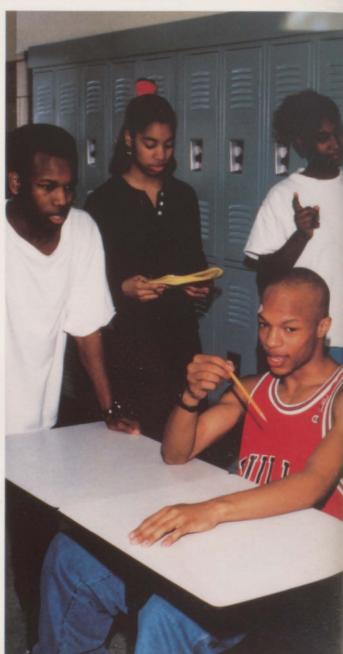
Four years of hard work culminate in a senior project to be performed for a large audience. It is a challenging, yet exciting prospect.

As incoming freshmen, none of us knew what was to come. We expected the worse. However, once we began studying and working, we realized that it was not as excruciatingly difficult as we thought. Some of us, unfortunately, did not make it all the way with the rest of us. We wish them and all of Arts High's family the best of luck.





Photos on this page: Senior drama classes rehearsing works directed by fellow seniors. Dance and music are incorporated.



Let's Flip The Script

Unique talents are displayed in student directed works. Rehearsals are demanding and difficult, but all of it comes together. We depend on each other and have grown closer with each shared experience.







All senior drama majors experience the stress and hard work that comes from directing a theatrical piece. Mrs. Long-Abeson and Mrs. Brazell encourage the students to become self-sufficient. Casting, lighting, staging, costuming, and blocking are all elements which must be considered and perfected. Many rehearsals are needed. All involved persons must give unselfishly. This process brings the senior drama majors together. They learn each other's strengths and weaknesses. The drama majors become a small theatrical family.

Photo at left: Fashion designs and illustrations produced in Mrs. Durr's class.

Mrs. Durr's class.
Photo directly below: Jorge Santiago displays his prize winning poster.

Photo, bottom left: Allington Frett, Isidro Amador, Tisha Harris, Damien Scipio and Greg Thomas at work in the new fashion design studio.

Photo, bottom right: Tisha Harris with her blue ribbon winning entry.









UNIQUE VISUAL ART STUDENTS EXCELL IN CHOSEN MAJOR

Seniors majoring in visual art had a variety of experiences during their final year. They entered and won contests, finished a mural for the Learning Tree Preschool in Irvington, in addition to completing classroom projects.

Directly below: Richard Daves and Ryan Teal-Carter learn techniques of block printing. Middle left: Students in Mr. Carden's class complete mural.









Seniors art majors participated in many activities during this school year as well as in the three prior years. Jorge Santiago won second prize in the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Poster contest. Tisha Harris's work was awarded first prize. They were guided by Mr. Kyrejko. Many seniors had art work shown in the Teen Arts Festival held in the community gallery of the Newark Museum. Seniors in Mr. Carden's class assisted the Art Honor Society in completing a mural for The Learning Tree Pre-School in Irvington. Students produced beautiful fashion designs and illustrations in Ms. Durr's class. All in all, it was a productive year.

Shirts switch with skirts

enior switch day is the day that things are really getting started at Arts High. This year, switch day was held on September 29, 1995. This is usually the first senior class activity. It gives seniors a chance to show their skills by dressing up like the opposite sex. This has been a tradition at Arts High for many years.

On this day, girls transform into ruff-necks and guys into panty hose-wearing, fingernail- painting, and bra-wearing females. Some people looked so hilarious. There was Terrence, who looked like grandma in his church dress. Luis, on the other hand, looked like a cross between Popeye's Olive Oyl and Rosie Perez. However, we can't forget Tyree with his "whopper booty" in that tight dress!

As for the girls (she-men), they were so manly looking that you could hardly tell the difference between them and "real" men. It was humorous to see everyone change roles. So glad it's not permanent!





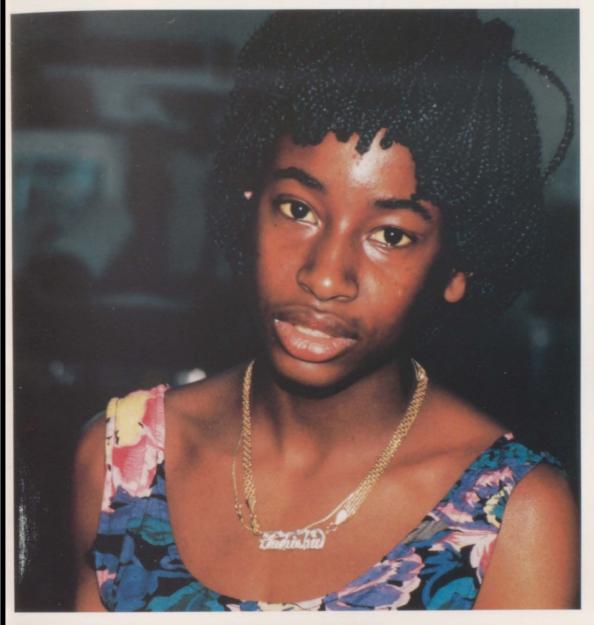
Upper right: David R. and Greg T., Middle: Marixa L., Abraham V., and Wendy P. Far left: Ryan T., and Richard C.





Bottom left: David P. Bottom right: Chinequa W., Miguel N., Kieshia B., April C., Calvin C., Jessica P., Tyesha J., Latisha G., Mary B., Dayane S., Corey P., Shakeera F., Latesha D., Nikeysha H., Syiedah A., Andromarque B., Jamillah S., Arnaldo R., and Tyree C.





Delvon Johnson







Above: Walter Andrews, Florbela Marques, Na'eem Jumah, Tanisha Stevenson, Rashana Wynn, Hassan Manning, Kendra Roberts, Kareem McKay, David Pryor, Darnell Williams, Tania Valentin, Lakisha Horton, Jessica Martinez, Nicole Singletary & Nicole Powell. Left: Tyesha Jackson, Miguel Nieves, Mary Beasley, Lateesha Dixon & Jamillah Spencer.

Top Left: Felicia Coffee. Top Right: Richard Calixto, Jorge Santiago, David Ruiz, Abraham Villanueva, Hassan Manning, Kevin Jarido, Luis Cosme, Miguel Nieves, and Arnaldo Reyes. Bottom Left: Leslie Solorzano, Natalie Davis, Jessica Paredes, Silvia Pastor, Latisha Graham, Kevin Jarido, Rahmira Rufus, Richard Calixto, Armando Moutela, and Florbela Marques.







Bottom Right: Silvia Pastor





Top Left: Rahmira Rufus, Florbela Marques, Wendy Perez, Syeida Avery, Felicia Coffee, Tania Valentin, Shakira Adams, Shakira Dawkins, Marixa Lopez, Jessica Martines, and Kieshia Bowman. Top Right: Jamillah Spencer.



Middle Right: Lakisha Horton, Richard Calixto, and Samanta Lopez. Bottom: Carolyn Salinas and Delvon Johnson



A Blast from the Past

Bell bottoms and platform shoes were making a comeback.

lashback Day, was a time when go-go boots & bell bottoms were fashionable; when leaves around the head were accompanied by togas; and when big dresses like Scarlet O'Hara wore in "Gone with the Wind" were in. Seniors took the slang of the '90's and changed it to phrases like: "Give me

some skin" and "Jive turkey".

Felicia was a Tina Turner reject. Rahmira's leopard skin coat and hat should have been on the endangered species list. Silvia's authentic Civil War outfit was a sight for sore eyes. Hassan and Abraham looked like loser Blues Brothers.

Let's not forget the rest of us who made this a day to remember.



"I guess, Bever-Leigh fell out the wrong side of the bed this mor ing."

hhh!!!!! these seniors are sound asleep in their bedtime apparel. No doubt this is the effect of Mr. Weinstein's or Mrs. Johnson's U.S. History courses! No ... just kidding. This is Pajama Day, an annual tradition of each senior class. Each Pajama Day, seniors dress in their favorite night wear and their fuzziest slippers. They attend classes as if ready for sleep. However, they are as attentive as ever. It is very disconcerting to walk into a senior class and view groups of students hard at work and paying close attention while dressed in nighttime undies! Imagine seeing art majors creating at their easels or music majors playing instruments while wearing nightgowns, nightshirts or pajamas with huge, fuzzy feet! They do look cute, but isn't it hard to envision waking up to Kariem McKay's legs or to Kiesha Bowman's anti-wrinkle cream?





Top: "Tisha and Kariem, you guys look good for people who just got up from bed." Middle: "Shhh ... the seniors are sleeping."

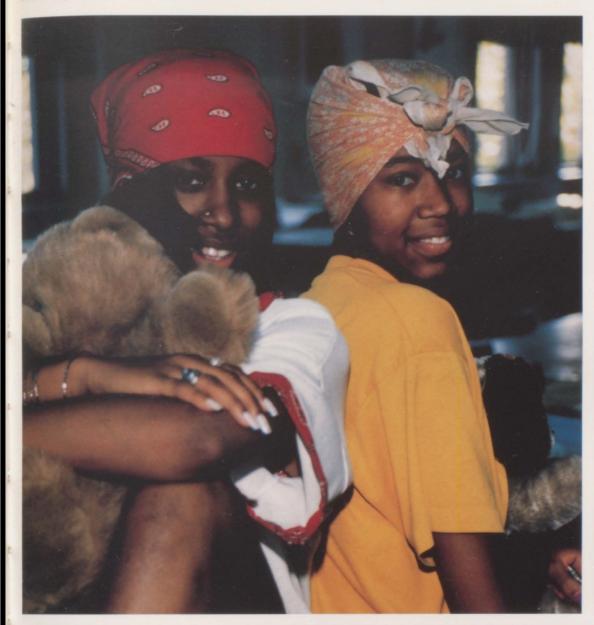




Top: Lateesha and Arnaldo look quite cozy in their jammies. Right: "Delvon, Noxzema is for pimples. Shaving cream is for side burns!"



Presenting ... Aunt Jemima (Lateesha Dixon) and Grandma Moses (Nikeysha Harris).



"Hey, guys, aren't you a little bit old for toys?!"







Paula is the perfect example of a devil by day, and an angel by night.

Photo at right, MOST ATTRACTIVE: Hassan Manning, Jamillah Spencer, Syiedah Avery, Nikeysha Harris, Darnell Williams, Djenane Semelfort, Kevin Jarido, Tisha Harris and Wendy Perez. (Not pictured: Silvia Pastor)

Photo directly below: MOST CHANGED: Jorge Santiago, Richard Calixto, Laviv Harvey, Carolyn Salinas, Arnaldo Reyes, Tania Valentin, Greg Thomas and Kenya Roberts. (Not pictured: David Ruiz and Djenane Semelfort)

Photo at bottom, MOST MEMORABLE EYES: Jorge Santiago, Tisha Harris, Nikeysha Harris, Carolyn Salinas, Syiedah Avery, Marixa Lopez, Wendy Perez, Leslie Solarzano and Silvia Pastor. (Not pictured: Chinequa Wade)

Photo far right, BIGGEST FLIRT: Standing: Carolyn Salinas, Darnell Williams, Na'eem Jumah, Kiesha Bowman and Arnaldo Reyes. Sitting:Kevin Jarido, Richard Calixto and Miguel Nieves. (Not pictured: Leroy Peters and David Ruiz)









.... the envelope please!!!

The envelope contains the results of the senior class popularity poll. Everyone of us is a winner!

Top photo, MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED: Kevin Jarido, Latisha Graham, Fathiyyah Salaam, Lateeha Dixon, Hassan Manning, Silvia Pastor, Isidro Amador, Emily Lamboy and Wendy Perez. (Not pictured: Gabriela Mendez.

Photo bottom left, MOST MEMORABLE SMILE: Tania Valentin, Marixa Lopez, Syiedah Avery, Kevin Jarido, Nikeysha Harris, Carolyn Salinas, Shakira Dawkins, and Djenane Semelfort. Kneeling: Rahmira Rufus. (Not pictured: Lakiesha Horton)

Photo bottom right, MOST STUDIOUS: Silvia Pastor, Kevin Jarido, Tania Valentin, Isidro Amador, Wendy Perez, Shakira Adams, Dayane Semelfort and Emily Lamboy. (Not pictured: Gabriela Mendez and Felicia Coffee)









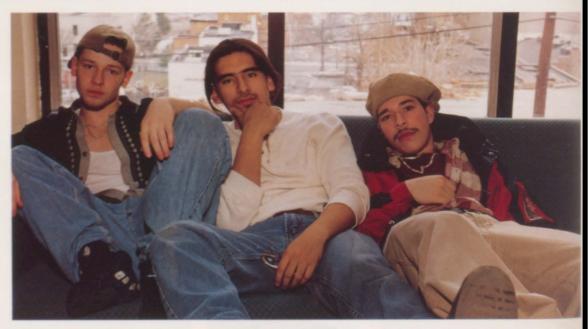
MOST SHY

Tania Valentin, Latisha Graham, Allington Frett, Jessica Paredes, Emily Lamboy, Terrence Childs and Dayane Semelfort. (Not pictured: Gabriela Mendez, Felicia Coffee and Laquetta Washington)



BEST FRIENDS

Photo above: Kariem McKay and Na'eem Jumah. Photo at right: Jorge Santiago, Richard Calixto and David Ruiz.





MOST POPULAR

Back row: Darnell Williams, Hassan Manning, Na'eem Jumah, Nikeysha Harris and Kevin Jarido. Front row: Carolyn Salinas, Fathiyyah Salaam and Jamillah Spencer. (Not pictured: Walter Andrews and Arnaldo Reyes)



MOST TALENTED

Top row: Armando Moutela, Kevin Jarido, Jamillah Spencer, Hassan Manning and Darnell Williams. Bottom row: Jorge Santiago and Richard Calixto. (Not pictured: Gabriela Mendez, Tyesha Jackson, Arnaldo Reyes and Rahmira Rufus)

MOST TALKATIVE

Carolyn Salinas, Marixa Lopez, Shakira Dawkins, Florbela Marques, Kiesha Bowman, Tanisha Stevenson, Na'eem Jumah and Syiedah Avery. (Not pictured: Walter Andrews and Nicole Singletary)



Seniors Candidly Candid



Jorge looking spiffy in his polka dotted chapeau and shades. What a fashion statement!

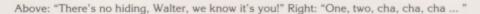


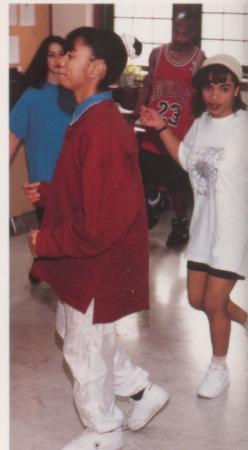
Is that you, Lakiesha??? Are you in pain? Everything is going to be all right.

Right: Ninety-six!









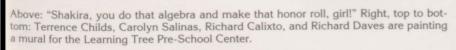




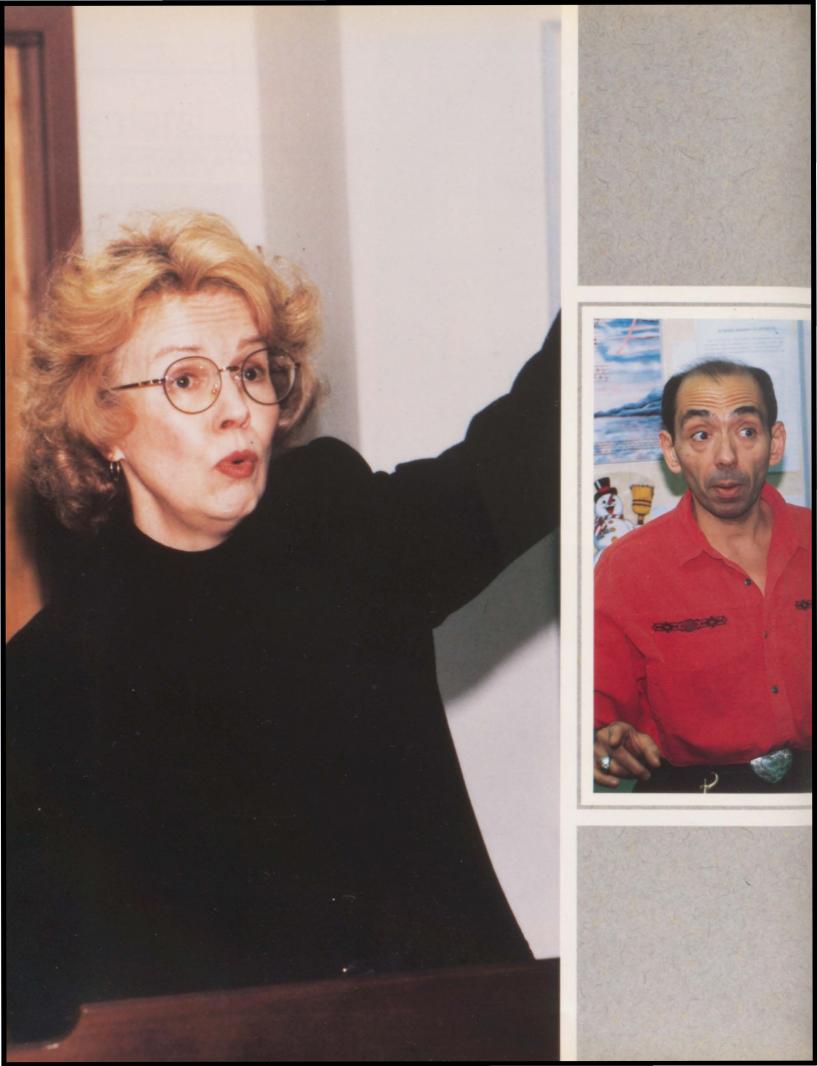
Left: Felicia creating a masterpiece. Below: Carolyn showing her dedication and loyalty to the class by wearing 1996 on her face. Well, Carolyn, the class of 1996 loves you, too!













FACULTY AND STAFF



PRINCIPAL

In recognition of your accomplishments during your tenure at Arts High School, I an more than pleased and proud to congratulate you.

I consider my primary professional identity that of "teacher", and it is as "teacher" that I list a particular success of yours, which makes me extremely proud to know you.

I want you to know that it is the student body that makes me especially proud to be part of Arts High School. During the class of 1996's sophomore year, I was talking to a group about the significance of the N. J. Hspt 11. It was either one of my essembly-class-meetings, or it was a less formal grouping. Students were concerned about the alternatives available if they did not pass this test, and would therefore be denied their diploma. As I informed them of the one alternative (SRA), one of the students turned to me and said, "We're all going to pass, Ms. Caldwell. Those of us who pass first will help the others to pass." I was very impressed by the statement. This was the kind of student support that any school would be envious of.

At Arts High School, we consider ourselves a "family". A family supports each other in accomplishing it's goals and objectives. The stronger members align themselves with the weaker members, and everyone combines their strengths in order to succeed. I find that to be the most pride invoking quality of the class of 96.

You have improved academically. You have supported each other's successes. You have commiserated with each other's failures, while pooling your energies to conquer your obstacles.

You can only succeed in life with the characteristics I know you to possess. You have supported each other, and have all passed. I wish you continued growth, support, and love.

Eleta J. Caldwell Principal

VICE PRINCIPAL

"If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." --- Franklin

"It is this kind of investment that I hope the class of 1996 will make in the next few years, producing the foundations necessary for a successful and happy life." --- Alfredo Gentile





Department Chairpersons



Mr. Nicholas Santoro

The Music Department offers a wide variety of experiences or instrumental and vocal majors, including majors in guitar and piano.

The Drama Department offers a full and varied range of courses and experiences, including seminars for seniors. This year marked the beginning of the Dance Department, offering ballet, modern dance, and the history and language of dance.



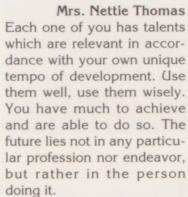
Ms. Khadijah Bashir

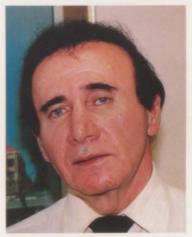
n our efforts to develop our students' appreciation for nistorical and social issues, the Humanities Department has emphasized reading with comprehension, writing with clarity, listening with insight, and speaking with logic. We aim to give our students a solid foundation.



Mrs. Judith Barrett

The Guidance Staff has instilled within each student a desire to strive for excellence and to make career choices that will enable them to meet life's challenges. You have now taken the first step; higher education is the key that will unlock the door to a successful and rewarding life.





Mr. Alex Colatrella

The interscholastic program is an educational experience for the spectator as well as the athlete. A concerted effort is made by the Athletic Department to capitalize on all the potential educational values of school athletics, and extracurricular programs.





Mr. Thomas Rogy

The Math Department has as its main objectives to prepare our students for college courses, real life situations, and to prepare our students to be good, constructive citizens throughout their lives. We are very proud of our students' accomplishments during their years at Arts High School.



Mr. Walter Kaczca

The Science Department strives to prepare students for a successful college experience and beyond. As society becomes increasingly dependent on technology, we recognize the importance of integrating science and the arts. Congratulations Class of 1996!



Ms. Mary Abend Spanish Teacher



Ms. Elizabeth Anderson Spanish Teacher



Ms. Edith Battles System Success Aide



Ms. Jill Bowens Clerk-Stenographer



Ms. Leonara Brazell-Rafua Drama Teacher



Ms. Ginger Brock English Teacher



Ms. Alberta Bryant School Aide



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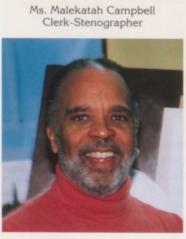




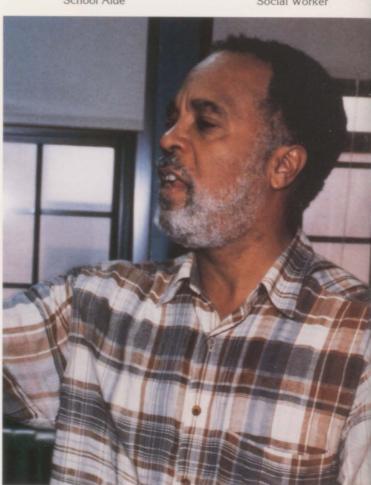
Ms. Rose Campbell



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Mr. Jan Carden Art Teacher





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Ms. Krishna Chaudhuri Mathematics Teacher



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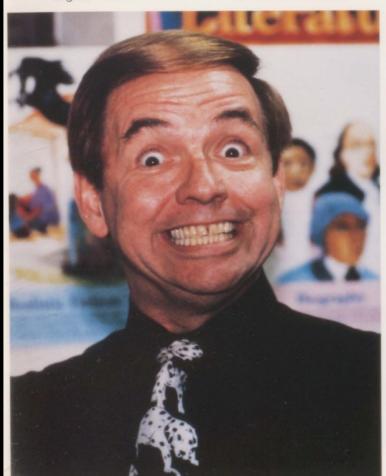
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Ms. Janice Durr Art Teacher



Mr. Robert Fuller Art Teacher



Mr. John Gardner English Teacher



Ms. Ruth Goodman Basic Skills Teacher



Ms. Selma Grant Phys Ed/Health Teacher



Ms. Linda Guerin Resource Teacher



Dr. Daniel Heisey Mathematics Teacher



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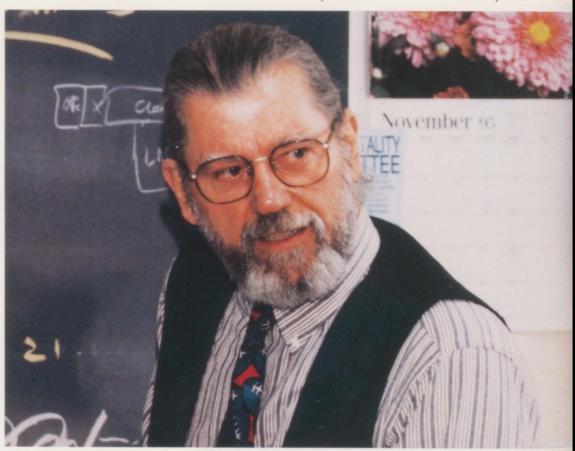
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Mr. Walerij Kyrejko Art Teacher



Ms. Linda Lanier-Keosaian Music Teacher





Ms. Cynthia Lawrence Phys Ed/Health Teacher



Mr. Malcolm Leslie Industrial Arts Teacher



Ms. Sherry Long-Abeson Drama Teacher



Mr. Larry Markowitz Phys Ed/Health Teacher



Ms. Catherine McCarthy English Teacher



Mr. Wilbert McKoy Security Guard



Mr. Daniel McGonigle Guidance Counselor



Ms. Marie Meadows School Nurse





Mr. Louis Melchor Music Teacher



Mr. Ovid Mentore Mathematics Teacher



Ms. Margie Moncrieffe Mathematics Teacher



Mr. Daniel Moore Phys Ed/Health Teacher



Ms. Chenita Newton-Hooper Biology Teacher



Ms. Carol Parker School Aide



Ms. Leslie Pearlson History Teacher



Mr. Oscar Petty Music Teacher



Mr. Thomas Piazza Mathematics Teacher



Mr. Robert Pietropinto Mathematics Teacher



Ms. Kim Richardson Dance Teacher





Ms. Barbara Shanley Ms. Mary Soriano
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Dr. William Smith Music Teacher



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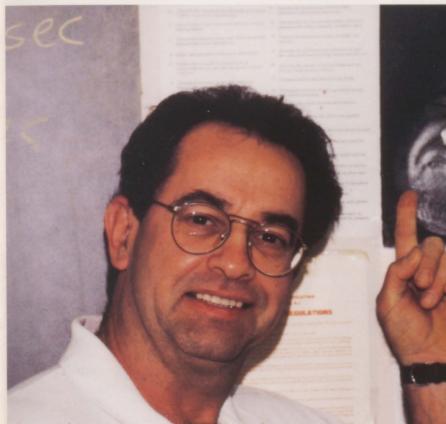
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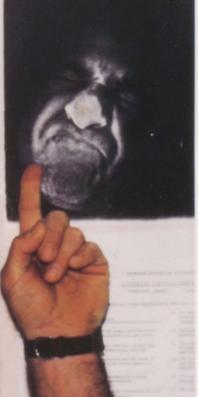


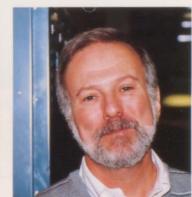
Mr. Michael Van Allen Chemistry Teacher



Mr. William Wanko Physics Teacher







Mr. Andrew Weinstein History Teacher



Ms. DeAnna Whitley History Teacher



Mr. Julius Newman with Ms. Mable Newell, custodial worker.

Supportive Staff

The school cannot run without our Supportive Staff. Students, faculty and administration all worked together with the custodians and food service workers to create a healthy, pleasant and safe environment at the Skills Center and at the newly expanded and renovated Arts High School. Our family is back together again in our new home!



Toria Bacon as Rudolph



Mr. Julius Newman, Senior Custodian



Mrs. Gloria Smith-Forte, Food Service Worker



Food Service Workers: Toria Bacon, Linda Lemos, Gloria Smith-Forte, Nancy Reis and Lisa Gorham.

Senior Advisors

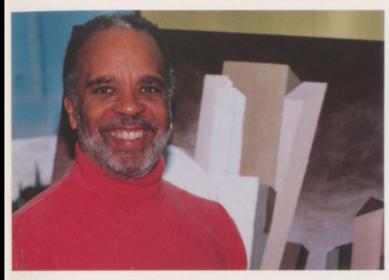
The senior class had the good fortune to have several advisors work with them to ensure a smooth and efficient senior year. We thank them all for their assistance and love. There were difficult moments, but with cooperation and discussion, problems were resolved and we made it! Thanks to all of them for their patience and guidance.



Mr. Kyrejko, Yearbook Advisor



Mr. Klelis, Class Co-Advisor

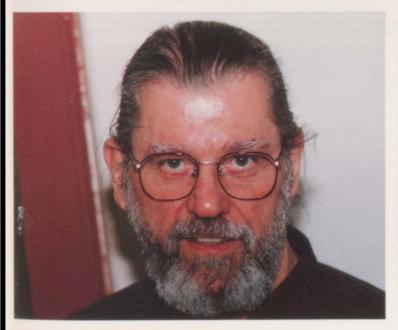


Mr. Carden, Yearbook Advisor



Mrs. Shanley, Class Advisor





Dr. Heisey, Yearbook Advisor



Mr. Klelis relaxes with students

Senior Homerooms

Homeroom 303, Mr. Fuller





Homeroom B34, Ms. Lawrence



Fathiyyah in English class



David and Taz in art class

Homeroom 309, Mr.
Klelis



Hey Djenane, what's so funny?





Homeroom 304, Mrs. Durr



Homeroom 104, Ms. Long-Abeson





UNDERCLASSMEN

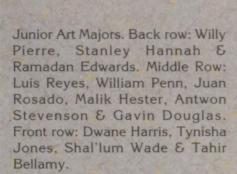


Right: Relief sculpture by Dwane Harris. Junior class member: Michael Green.





Junior Art Majors. Top row: Edward Skipper, Girard Morris, Paul Migaj & Shakell Jerman. Middle row: Keith Jordan, Job Charles, Brian Robinson & Chris Viduarre. 2nd row from bottom: Shareefa Hargrove & Shakima Johnson. Last row: Simeon Tudor & Alterick Manning.



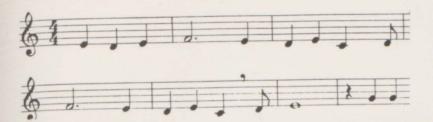
JUNIORS







JUNIOR VIRTUOSOS







Left: Junior Dance Major, Tamisha Johnson

Candids below: Vivian Mendez playing the flute. Kenya Jewell and Ubon Xayphengsy playing the oboe.

Group Shot. Drama Majors: Back row: Andrea Henry, Antoinne Cleveland, Terri Moore, Khadeejah McElroy, Andrian Mayor, Tamika Flood, Atiyah Stewart, Roger Howell & Jameica Tutler. Middle row: Larry Ram, Odette Campbell, Iris Pinkney, Damaris Rivas & Robert Martinez. Front row: Rhea Stephen.





Vocal Majors. Top row: Miranda Tribble, Samdreya Copeland, Daniaella Singletary, Shanell Lee, Jocelyn Martinez, Lydia Bangaroo, Adalis Alvarez & Ameer Ortiz. Middle row: Richard McKinght, Yondale Coston, Aidah Muhammad, Kenisha Windham & Kalia Neblett. Front: Aliah Moses.

Instrumental Majors. Back row: Robert Cousette, Steven Walker, Daniel Perez, Timothy Backay, Chantel Witherspoon, Deneen Frasier, Milagros Ortiz & Felicia Burroughs. Middle row: Joao Cuhna, Amina Anabui, Ubon Xayphengsy, Marijoe Ashikwei, David Warren & Sonia Cunha. Front row: Yolanda Douglas & Shannon Hansford.

Vocal Majors. Top row: Yolanda Sanders, Tenisha Henderson, Shakera Copeland, Alnisa Davis, Benenyeh Wyne, Latrice Clark, Joi Hayes & Sanura Price. Bottom row: Geoffrey Tanner II, Anthony Johnson, Hakeem Peterson, Al-Jabbar Jackson & Eddie Gonzalez.













Sophomore Art Majors. Top row standing: Jakyrra Knox, Sameerah Mitchell, Athena Lynch, Luis Perez, Daniel Mendez, Alexander Ramirez, and Joshua Aquino. Middle row sitting: Javier Diaz, Michael Hughes, and Brett Ryans. Bottom row: Blanca Melendez, James Wilson, Donnell Bell, and Juan Rivera.

Sophomore Art Majors. Top row: Raymond Ellis, William Johnson, and Niam Edwards. Bottom row: Marcelo Silva and Lateef Fuller.

Sophomore Art Majors. Top row: Naim Edwards, Randy Shells, Paul Jenkins, and Dehkontee Sieh. Bottom row: Israel Misiak.

SOPHOMORES



Sophomore Vocal Majors. Top row: Eliana Diamantino, Monique Liles, Andrea Halstead, Labeebah Oglesby, Quanisha Dockery, Anne Julmiste, Zina Sterling, Kawhana Davall, and Kimberley Baez. Bottom row: Pamoja Days, Leticia Neal, and Tyisha Davis.

Sophomore Vocal Majors. Top row: Al-Malik Thomas, Shauntelle Brown, Jose Martinez, Stephanie Pearson, and Andel Caraballo. Middle row: Tamikah Bradley, Samiyyah Whitney, and Kenyetta Montford. Bottom row: Erica Rivera, Tameika Jackson, and Luz Rios.

Sophomore Vocal Majors. Top row: Montrisa Bradford, Eric Patterson, Jamillah Riggins, Zakiah McFadden, Shaniquah Barrino, and Nicole Verdier. Middle row: Leah Rogers, Niderra Green, Cail Janeen Scott, Kamie Wilkes, and Eugenia Shabazz. Bottom row: Sharonda Scott, Tanisha Smith, Natisha Etheridge, and Erica Avington.





















Sophomore Drama Majors. Top row: Hope Burnett, Michelle Blount, Shakeia Williams, Taliah Joyner, Nancy Sanchez, Aqueelah Shaheed, and Tameekah Ivey. Bottom row: Myesha Lewis, Omar Wheeler, and Nakeia Williams.

Sophomore Drama Majors. Top row: Latifah Davis, Takisha Mills, Connie Thorpe, Shavone Robinson, Marissa Greenhowe, Niaz Uddin, Kamilah Lewis, Jamil Mangan, Omayra Cortes, and Lance Giddings. Bottom row: Shanee Dozier and Michelle Cosby.

Sophomore Instrumental Majors. Top row: Shamir Tyson, Benjamin Davis, Edwin Lora, Karessa Bowman, Jamene Smith, and Anthony Lee. Bottom row: Jere' Andrews, Toussaint Terrell, and Juan Duque.

Sophomore Instrumental Majors. Top row: Kelly Marques, Lea Nguy, Chevonne Foley, Jevon Peoples, Shaquanda Allen, and Iris Ayala. Bottom row: Maryam Toler, Veronica Castro, Katischa Powell, and Janet Legrand.

Photo, top left, Freshman Art Majors. Top row: Daisy Currais, Sulaimaan Saleem, Consuelo Tirado, Hakeem Abdus-Sabur, Ricardo DaSilva, Iris Bearfield, Viviann Cruz, and Jaquay Martin.

Photo, top right, top row: Antoine Priester, Levxon Wallace, Kevin Shelton, Joel Bardote. Bottom row: Jason Munoz, William Mosley, Rakeem Mosey and Jon Blackwell-Roach.

Middle photo, standing: Mario Mantilla, Daniel Gonzalez, Luis Martin. Kneeling: Malik Lewis and Hoa Nguyen.

Photo bottom right, Standing: Tiffany White, Rahameen Matthews, Wakil Noel, Jamar Neal. Kneeling: Shawn Nichols, Heral Kemp and Nasir Brinson.

Photo, left: Back row: Olson Jean Louis, Luis Rosado, Angel Perez, Shameen Rollins, Ronald White, Jorge Campos, Derrick Watson, Joshua Vieira, Shawn Palmer. Front: Hakeem Lassiter, Nydia Garcia and Ali Derricotte.

FRESHMEN









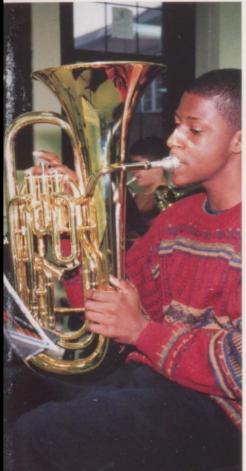
















Photo, top right, Freshmen Vocal Majors: Top row: Tabitha Albaladejo, Latoya Morrison, Yesenia Alvarez, Gloria Caballero, Corey Wilson, Mei Lin Cheng, Maritza Morena, Robert Simmons. Bottom: Michelle Oliveira, Christian Johnson, Jimmy Perez, Jason Vega and Anttwan Williams.

Photo, upper middle: Freshmen Vocal Majors: Standing: Ciara Henderson, Nikita McCloud, Malinda Ingram, Rachael Wilson, Alexis Lopez, Rojelle Dunston, Khadijah Baker. Kneeling: Gerrod White, Christian Johnson, Jimmy Perez, Isiah Clinton and Martin Mathis.

Photo: lower middle: Freshmen Vocal Majors: Top: Shikara Rochester, Tyherrah Jones, Deavon Archie, David Richardson, Jason Gardner, Aline Yasuda, Ladun Thompson, John Mallory III. Bottom: Anikki Manasseh and Michelle Vargas.

Photo, bottom: Freshmen Vocal Majors, top: Syreta Whyte, Rena Durant, April Bailey, Keesha Johnson, Samantha Rogers, Tanisha Weaver, Michelle Johnson, April Hicks, Gloria Caballero, Delores Hill. Bottom: Alnisha Holte, Jewelanne Sayers, Tabitha Albaladejo and Mei Lin Cheng.

Upper Photo, Freshmen Instrumental Majors, Standing: Fuquan Thomas, Jayson Martinez, Edgar Ferriera, Eliza Munoz, and Tonesha Reese. Kneeling: Robert Stephens and Zelma Terrell. Lower Photo, Freshmen Instrumental Majors, Top Row: Ameerah Washington, Jose Torres, Naeeman Jones, Ja'Shanna Jones, and Candice Carlisle. Bottom row: Folusa Mimy and Karen Marques.











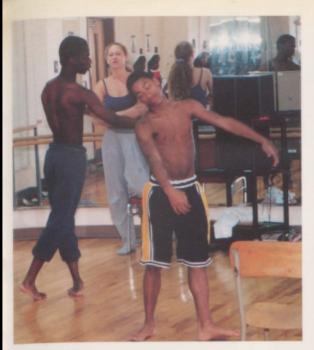




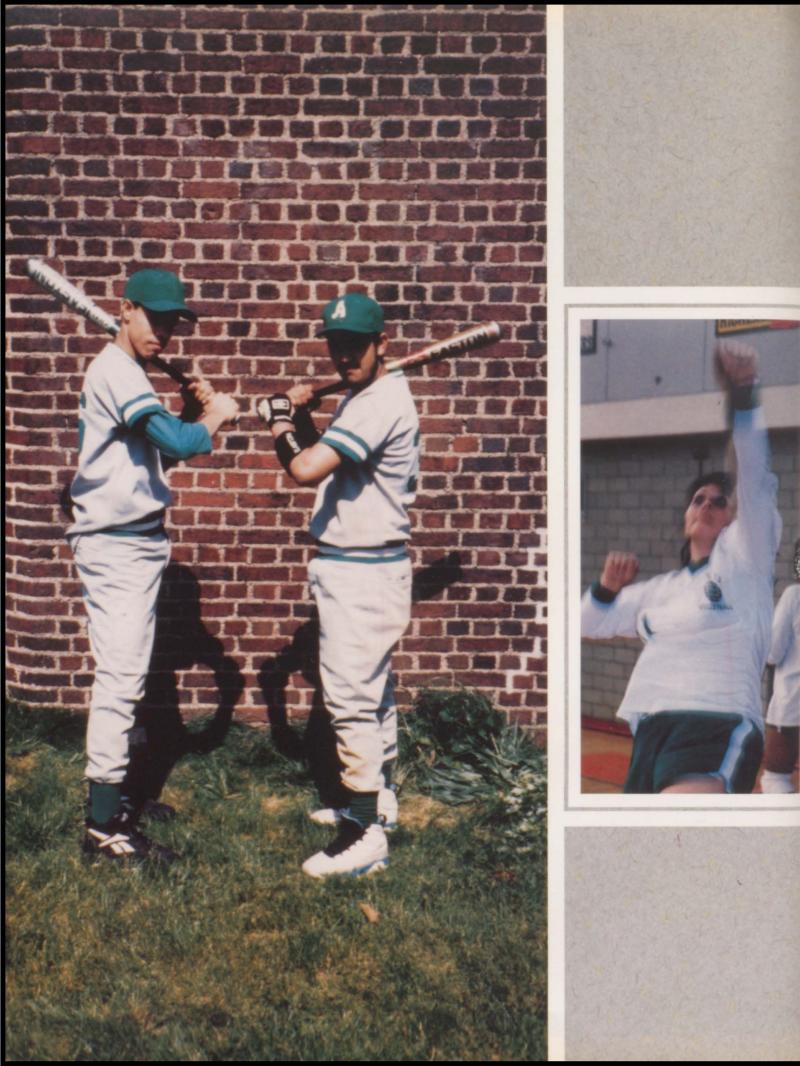




Photo top right, Freshmen Dance Majors, Back Row: Ramee Hester, Vanessa Martinez, Madelyn Villanueva, Ginnerva Hodge, Kylah Speed, Adleecya Graham, and James Grant. Row: Middle Alexandra Hodge, Kcydiima Zahir, and Zykeerah Holmes. Front Row: Erica Mingo and Tyesha

Turnage.

Photo, Middle, Freshmen Drama Majors, Top row: Carlos Rios, Brenton Saunders, Monique Franklin, Laronda West, Kim Bronson, Shawnette Munn, Natasha Holden. Bottom row: Jamal Clemons, Haneefah Scott and Yvette Moore. Photo, Bottom, Freshmen Drama Majors, Standing: Khalil Hannah, Alejandro Cruz, Tiffany Gibson, Frankye Taylor, Janneidy Velazquez, Homaira Galarza, Tyneir Williams, Kiana Reed and Stacy George. Kneeling: Nyree Perry, Vareliz Morales and Tiffani Harris.





SPORTS



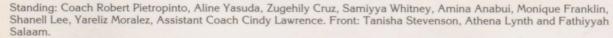
LADY JAGUARS PLAY WITH CONFIDENCE

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Photo, previous page, bottom right: Amina Anabui dribbles the ball. Photo, top left: Monique Franklin works. Directly below: Fathiyyah Salaam smiles sweetly.











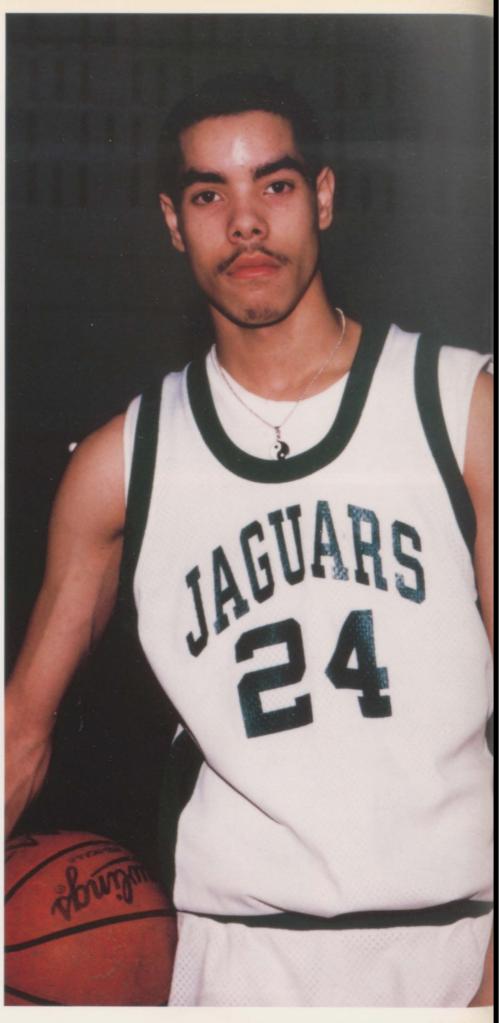
Bottom photos: Tanisha Stevenson and Fathiyyah Salaam take command during the game in the new Arts High gym.

Bottom: Jaquay Martin is dribbling the ball. Right: The captain of the basketball team, Luis Cosme.





William Johnson goes for the 3 as he strives to defeat the guys at Saint Joseph's in the gym of the new Arts High addition.





Coach Markowitz gives his team all the pointers he can to make them win the game: "The ball does fit in the net!"

HOOPS! THERE IT IS!

TEAM MEMBERS

Luis Cosme William Johnson Edward Skipper Adrian Mayor Girard Morris Leroy Peters Andel Caraballo Robert Moore Luis Perez Brian Robinson Toussaint Terrell Captain/Guard
Co-Captain/Guard
Center
Forward
Forward/Center
Forward/Center
Guard
Guard/Forward
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Standing: Assistant Coach Savage, William Johnson, Toussaint Terrell, Andel Caraballo, Luis Cosme, Brian Robinson, Coach Markowitz. Kneeling: Girard Morris, Edward Skipper, Robert Moore and Adrian Mayor.

GO JAGUARS GO!!!!

The Varsity Cheerleaders cheer for the Varsity Basketball Team. Their spirited performances help to pump up the crowd











Advisor Ms. Newton-Hooper, Zakia McFadden, Kamillah Lewis, Takisha Mills, Myesha Lewis, Capta Jamillah Spencer, Tiffany Harris, Haneefah Scott and Sharonda Scott.



First Row: Tiffany Gibbson, Co-Captain Mylenya Broughton, Tarah Leverette. Second row: Kiana Reed, Rojelle Dunston, LaToya Dickey. Third row: Keneesha Haynes, Ciara Henderson, Candice Carlisle and Ms. G. Brock.







Keep on Steppin'

This new group of female freshmen actively participates during halftime at some of the Boys' Basketball games. They arouse school spirit with their energetic footwork. They also entertained the crowd during the African American program held in the new gym. They are a welcome addition to Arts High.

LET'S SPRING INTO ACTION!

BASEBALL TEAM

Standing: Adrian Mayor, Andel Caraballo, Robert Martinez, Daniel Lee, and Gabriel Lee. Kneeling: Luis Cosme, Ameer Ortiz, Hakeem Peterson, Miguel Nieves. Sitting: Luis Reyes, Larry Ram, and Amilcar Veloz.



TRACK TEAM





Photo above: Standing: Assistant Coach R. Mainor, Al-Jabbar Jackson, Tisha Harris, Meliss Mayford, Marijoe Ashikwei, Anne Julmiste, Latrice Clark, Juan Rosado, Luis Moscoso, Labee bah Oglesby, Roger Howell, Raymond Vasquez and Head Coach D. Moore. Kneeling: Andre Jewell, Janald Waldon, Melik Hester, Ronald Fann, Lamar Blaine, Kawhana Davall. Sitting Sonia Cunha, Sameerah Mitchell and Hope Burnett.

Photo at left: Assistant Coach Mainor, Senior Tisha Harris and Coach Moore.



SOFTBALL TEAM

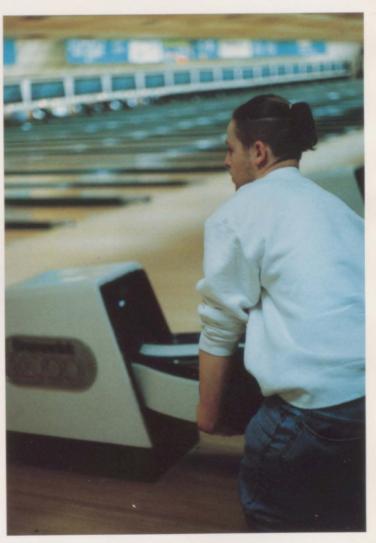
Bottom, left to right: Kelly Marques, Omyra Cortes, Coach Pietropinto, Fathiyyah Salaam, Jessica Paredes. Middle row: Andrea Halstead, Catherine Martinez, Ubon Xayphongsy. Standing at top: Iris Ayala, Samiyyah Whitney, Kenyatta Montford and Milagros Ortiz.

BOWLING TEAM

Photo, lower left. Front: Richard Calixto, Jorge Santiago and Tyree Caldwell. Rear: Anthony Johnson, Greg Thomas, Armando Moutela and Coach P. Grimes.

Photo below: Jorge Santiago at the lane.

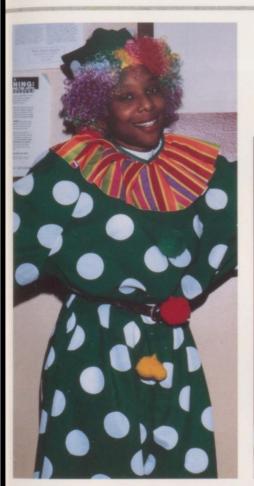




Bowling Team takes second place in conference!







ACTIVITIES





Right: Mr. Melchor's sophomores practice a new song. Below: Juniors blow their horns.





Right: Junior clarinetists rehearse for a performance.



Budding Musicians Warm Up

The underclassmen virtuosos go through rigorous training at Arts High. Students learn to read and write music, and develop listening skills. They are taught to use their instruments and voices professionally, and are exposed to a wide array of music.







Upper right: Sophomore Benjamin Davis plays his tuba. Middle: Mrs. Keosaian's Women's Choir preparing for a festival. Left: Mr. Petty helps a student play the notes just right.

The art program is designed to introduce freshmen to the diversified world of art. They learn the basics of drawing and painting in addition to the history of art. Sophomores focus on three dimensional art and two dimensional design. Juniors divide their time between graphic design, photography, advanced painting and drawing. This is a rich program which prepares students for art careers or enhancement of their everyday lives.







Top photo: Sophomores listen to guest lecturer. Top left: Jorge Campos paints a watercolor. Lower left: Shawn Anderson sculpts. Joshua Aquino shows his relief sculpture.



A Quilted Collaboration

Senior citizens add their quilting expertise to the sections designed and executed by Mrs. Durr's seniors last school year. The senior citizens put all of the pieces together and turned them into a quilted masterpiece. The smooth interaction of students and older adults was an added benefit.

Mrs. Durr addresses a group of Arts High students about the quilt project completed by her seniors last year.







The group of senior citizens who completed the guilt came to Arts High to share their experiences about the project. Mrs. Thomas, Chairperson of art, initiated the project with a grant from the Dodge Foundation. A group of Mrs. Durr's seniors from last year met with the senior citizens and shopped for materials. They independently created individual sections approximately 1 foot square by cutting and sewing pieces of material together. When completed, the senior citizens assembled and quilted all of the pieces, using time honored methods. It was a delight to have them share their thoughts and techniques with us.

As drama majors, you learn a variety of things. As freshmen, you are taught the basics of acting. As sophomores you experience the difficulties of performing a full length play. Everything you learn should be shown when you reach the junior year. Throughout all of the years, you strive to improve vocalization, pronunciation, and projection. Drama classes look like play, but there is more than meets the eye.





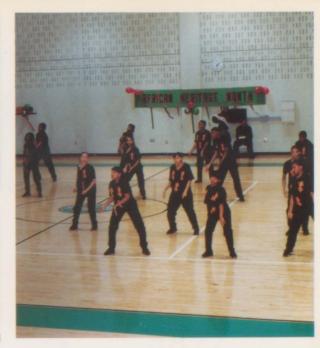


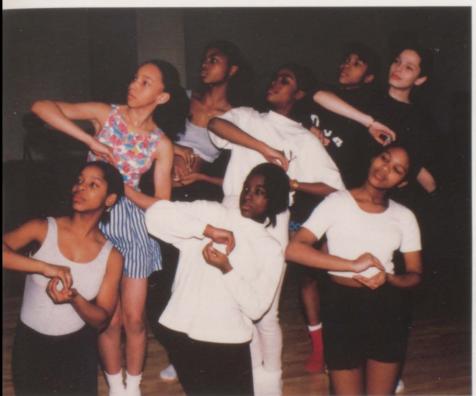
Drama classes hard at work.

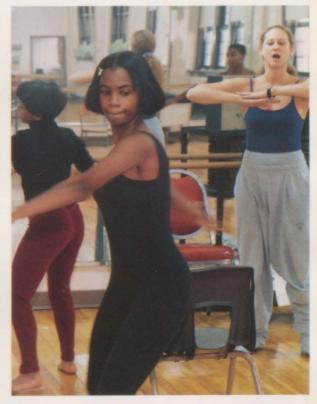


Dance, Dance Dance

Freshmen are given a new choice of major. A dance department has been instituted. Fifteen young men and ladies are being taught by Ms. Kim Richardson, formerly of the Newark School of the Arts.



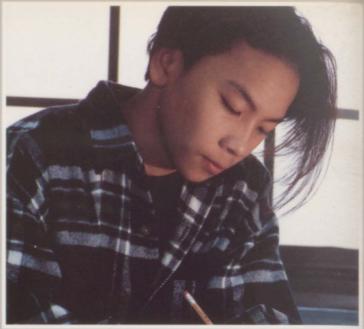






There has been an exciting new development here at Arts High. Dance has been added as a major. Students must audition and if accepted, they must spend three periods per day learning about the world of dance. The four year course of study will include ballet and modern classes stressing Graham and Horton techniques. There will be guest teachers specializing in African, Spanish, tap and jazz dance. They also have academic studies learning dance history. Ms. Kim Richardson is the dynamic teacher/mentor. Ms Tasha O'Bryant organized a dynamic performance in the new gym.





TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

Front: Emily Lamboy, Jamillah Spencer, and Wendy Perez. Rear: Tyesha Jackson, April Clarke, Syiedah Avery and Mr. Melchor, Advisor.

This is a chapter of an international organization which recognizes high achievement by students of music. These students performed for Childrens' Hospital, a group of senior citizens and at a police function. Through school and community involvement, the music program is strengthened and unified.

ART CLUB

Standing: Raymond Vasquez, Hoa Nguyen, Luis Martin, Mr. K, Daisy Currais, Danielle Scott. Sitting: Kevin Shelton.

Art Club members created a Black History Month graphic banner. The students also developed and improved personal visual perception through various art forms including lithography and lino-cut prints.









JAZZ CHOIR

Sitting: Kenyetta Bradford and Lydia Bangaroo. Standing: Ameer Ortiz, Dernard Coleman, Andel Caraballo, Mr. Melchor and Jocelyn Martinez.

This group was organized to expose Arts High students to the world of vocal jazz music. Participation in the club also helps to increase music skills. Drama, art and music majors were involved.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Left to right: Mr. Colmon, Jayson Martinez, Mr. Melchor, Dawn Reddick, Razi Miles, Jere Andrews, Anthony Lee, Tyshawn Sorey, and Adner Perez. Front: Edgar Ferreira.

This club was instituted this year to provide instrumental music background for the Jazz Choir. It also exposes students to the language of jazz music from be-bop to contemporary.





YOUTH CRISIS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Top: Felicia Coffee, Ciara Mendez, Shareefa Hargrove, Silvia Pastor, Emily Lamboy, Natalie Davis, Latisha Graham. Bottom: Mrs. Barrett, Shakeera Fleming, Lakisha Horton, Jamillah Spencer, Kevin Jarido, April Clarke and Joi Hayes.

The Youth Crisis Advisory Council is a service organization which assists students in need of help when a peer is needed. Sometimes an adult is not able to help. Another student who understands the complete situation can assist to resolve the problem or offer support.

SENIOR CLASS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Top: Gabriela Mendez, Kevin Jarido, Emily Lamboy. Bottom: Jamillah Spencer, Tanisha Stevenson and Silvia Pastor.

Elected members meet periodically to make decisions concerning fundraisers, activities and events sponsored by the senior class. The students work with Mrs. Shanley, the advisor.

ASSETS CLUB

Top: David Warren, Shareefa Hargrove, Ciara Mendez, Ms. Uzzell, Yolanda Douglas, Andrea Henry. Middle: Niaz Uddin, Shannon Hansford, Joi Hayes, Emily Lamboy, Jorge Santiago. Jessica Paredes. Bottom: Omar Wheeler, Abraham Villanueva, Gabriela Mendez Richard Calixto.

The Assets Club was formed to promote sexual equality in our school and explore non-traditional careers.













NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Standing: Gabriela Mendez, Jessica Paredes, Isidro Amador, Silvia Pastor. Sitting: Ms. Soriano, Shakira Adams, Kevin Jarido, and Latisha Graham.

The National Honor Society creates enthusiasm for scholarship and provides opportunities for rendering service. It also promotes leadership and development of character. This year tutorial service was provided.

ART HONOR SOCIETY

Standing, Armando Moutela, Carolyn Salinas. Sitting: Mr. Carden, Felicia Coffee, Allington Frett, Isidro Amador and Greg Thomas.

The Louis Spindler Chapter of the National Art Honor Society was named for a beloved art educator who touched the lives of many. Members must achieve at least a B+ average in art. The group paints patient windows at United Hospitals of Newark at Christmas and Easter, bringing cheer to the patients and staff.

STAGE CREW

Top: Kendra Roberts, Kareem McKay, Tanisha Stevenson, Tania Valentin, Lakisha Horton, Carlos Rios. Middle: Hassan Manning. Front: Tiffany Gibson, Tiffani Harris, and Frankye Taylor. (Not shown: David Pryor, Jamil Mangan, Shanee Dozier, Omayra Cortes, Michelle Cosby, Shavone Robinson, Marrissa Greenhouse, Rashanna Whnn, and Andrea Henry.)

The Stage Crew provides technical support such as, lights, sound and set running for all productions/performances school wide. It also provides such support to community organizations, programs, and other schools citywide.

PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

Standing: Jamillah Spencer, Carolyn Salinas, Isidro Amador, Kevin Jarido, Jessica Paredes, Gabriela Martinez. Ms. Soriano. Sitting: Marixa Lopez, Emily Lamboy, Silvia Pastor and Shakira Adams.

This council consists of student leaders who confer with Ms. Caldwell monthly to offer suggestions, discuss issues, and represent the student body.

FUTURE PHYSICIANS' CLUB

Top row: Shakira Adams, Kenya Jewell, Shakira Dawkins, Gabriela Mendez, Jorge Santiago. Bottom row: Laquetta Washington, Mr. Van Allen, Lakisha Horton.

The club introduces students to lifestyles of medical students and physicians. Activities include career explorations, guest speakers, and visits to the medical school and hospital.

STUDENT

Standing left: Marijoe Ashikwei, David Warren, Chinequa Wade, Sharice Hargrove, Ciara Mendez, Tenisha Henderson, Jamillah Spencer, Andrea Henry, Steve Couras. Sitting left to right: Ms. Soriano, Anthony Johnson, Jakyrra Knox, Emily Lamboy, Shakira Adams, Tyesha Jackson, and Joi Hayes.

The Student Council works to understand the attitudes, beliefs and aspirations of students, presenting them appropriately. Outstanding events were Save the Children, Teacher Appreciation Day, Spirit Day, Service Community, and Alumni Day.













BOTANY CLUB

Top row: Omar Wheeler, Laquetta Washington, Alexander Ramirez, Ms. Newton-Hooper, Jevonne Peoples, Niaz Uddin. Bottom: Al-Malik Thomas, and Jakyrrra Knox.

This club exposes students to plants common to the New Jersey area. They assist in beautifying the school and perform research in botany with guidance from Rutgers University.

SCIENCE CLUB

Top row: Laquetta Washington, Nikeysha Harris, Shakira Dawkins, Jorge Santiago, Gabriela Mendez. Bottom row: Jamillah Spencer, Shakira Adams, Mr. Van Allen, Syiedah Avery, Lakisha Horton and Jessica Paredes.

The Science Club meets monthly where students can research, study and further explore their scientific interests. The Chemical Career Conference at NJIT and Science Career Day at Rutgers University were highlights.

DRAMA TEAM

Back: Ms. Long, Aqueelah Shaheed, Adrian Major, Niaz Udin, Tameeka Ivy, Michelle Blount, Odette Campbell, Phedor Reeves, Hope Burnett. Third Row: Marissa Greenhowe, Michelle Cosby, Omyra Cortez, Atiya Stewart, Nakeia Williams, Taliah Joyner, Nancy Sanchez, Haneefa Scott, Lance Gibbings, Kiana Reed. Second row: Monique Franklin, Omar Wheeler, Myesha Lewis, Shaunette Munn, Janneiby Velazquez. First row: Darnell Williams, Hassan Manning, Alex Cruz, and Yareliz Morales.

The Drama Competition Team participates in a state event in which secondary schools compete performing monologues, scenes and improvisations. Our team won eight trophies and ten certificates of high honor.

VIDEO YEARBOOK CLUB

Isidro Amador, Lydia Bangaroo, Tamisha Johnson, Robert Martinez, Jessica Paredes, Greg Thomas, Jocelyn Martinez, Ameer Ortiz, and Anthony Johnson.

The Video Yearbook Staff, advised by Mr. Wanko, tapes all of the events that are held at Arts High with a focus on the seniors. Mr. Wanko that puts it all together for us. Thanks.

SPEECH TEAM

Standing: David Richardson. Sitting: Felicia Coffee, Yesenia Alvarez and Ladun Thompson.

The Speech Team under the guidance of Mr. Suliman participate in forensic competitions. They went to Harvard and had a wonderful experience, interacting with high schools from the east coast. Felicia Coffee was an outstanding competitor.

S.A.T./MATH CLUB

Natalie Davis, April Clarke, Latisha Graham, Terrence Childs, Jessica Paredes and Greg Thomas.

The S.A.T./Math Club was designed to help any student who needed extra help in the area of math. This year the main focus was the preparation of students for success in the S.A.T.'s.

















THE POETS' SOCIETY

Seated: Miranda Tribble, Quanisha Dockery, Veronica Castro. Standing: Ben Davis, Al-Jabbar Jackson and Shawn Anderson.

The Poets' Society, advised by Mrs. Brock is made up of students who love poetry. They are given the opportunity to write, recite and perform their own poetry for the student body.

SCOPE STAFF

Top: Abraham Villanueve, Mrs. Curvin, Anthony Johnson. Bottom: Kenya Jewell, Tiffany Gibson and Emily Lamboy.

Scope, the student newspaper, is published four times a year. Their communication emphasis is to report the news, identify the stars of the future and generally, be the chronicler of this secondary school.

VIDEO TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Rear: Isidro Amador, Tamisha Johnson, Lydia Bangaroo, Robert Martinez, Jessica Paredes, Greg Thomas, Jocelyn Martinez, Anthony Johnson, Amyeer Ortiz. Sitting: Mr. Wanko, Advisor.

The Video Technology Club learns to use state of the art video equipment. They learn taping techniques, editing, composition, lighting and sound procedures necessary to produce high quality videos. Mr. Wanko is the advisor.

RUTGERS RESEARCH CLUB

Standing: Isidro Amador, Mrs. Hooper. Sitting: Niaz Uddin, Natalie Davis and Omar Wheeler.

This club enables its members to visit labs at Rutgers University to perform independent research at the college level under the guidance of a college professor.

RADIO CLUB

Seated: Mu-Mu (Marissa Greenhowe), Incognito (Nicole Powell), Iron Man (Eddie Gonzalez), Acting President Big Al (Al-Jabbar Jackson), Grandaddy Jay-Smooth (Jere Andrews). Not pictured: So Fine (Shamese Tucker, (Mary B. (Mary Beasley), and Flava (Robert Simmons).

The Radio Club delivers morning and afternoon announcements, giving students the opportunity to creatively write and deliver school news on the public address system.

ESPRIT D'ARTS

Ms. Guerin, Isidro Amador. Front: Hernani Carvalho and Felicia Coffee.

Staff members produce bi-annually a literary/art magazine incorporating poetry, prose and fine art. Eddie Gonzalez and Hernani Carvalho are co-editors.

JR. CLASS OFFICERS

Sitting: Marijoe Ashikwer, Vice President, Übon Xayphengsy, President. Standing: Latrice Clark, Secretary. (Not pictured: Ms. Pearlson and Ms. Lawrence, Co-Advisors)



















UNDER CLASSMEN YEARBOOK CLUB

Photo above left: Standing: Antoinne Cleveland, David Warren. Sitting: Yolanda Douglas and Shannon Hansford. Photo middle left: Standing: Yolanda Douglas, Mr. Carden, Andrea Henry. Sitting: Shannon Hansford and David Warren. Photo, above right: Anthony Johnson.

This group meets weekly to learn the elements of producing a quality yearbook. They learn writing, layout design, photography and word processing, helping to produce the current yearbook.

SENIOR YEARBOOK STAFF

Photo, left: Armando Moutela and Marixa Lopez. Photo, bottom left, standing: Mr. K, Carolyn Salinas, Silvia Pastor, Terrence Childs, Jessica Paredes, Richard Calixto, Mr. Carden. Middle: Marixa Lopez. Wendy Perez. Bottom: April Clarke, Latisha Graham and Natalie Davis. Photo, bottom right: Latisha Graham, Natalie Davis, Richard Calixto and Terrence Childs.



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To Tyree, Good luck in the future from your Auntie Jean.

To Tyree, Good luck and best wishes from Mrs. White.

To Tyree, Best wishes to you and much success from Ms. Brown.

To Tyree, Best wishes from your former teachers, Mrs. Deborah Wilson and Ms. Rosetta Tucker.

Tyree, I wish you all the luck in the world. Good luck, your Godsister Delphine.

Best of luck to my Godson, Tyree. I know you can do it. Your Godmother Minnie.

Congratulations Tyree, with love from your Godsisters Asia and Diane.

Terrence, Good luck. I'm proud of you. I'm praying the Lord keeps you safe in the Marine Corps from your Mom Shirl.

Best of luck to Terrence from Christine Everett.

Congratulations Terrence. I am so proud of you. Keep up the good work. Aunt Adele.

Terrence, In your journey through life wherever you go, keep your hand in God's and you will succeed. Grandma Doris Childs. To our brother and uncle Terrence, we love you. We're proud of you and wish you luck in the Marines. Tanya and Nycekka.

To my Greatgranddaughter April Clarke, happiness and all my love always. G. G.

To April, Best wishes and happiness always. Love, June.

To April, May all your dreams come true. Be happy and may your love for CHRIST continue thru the years. I love you! Dottie.

To April and the Class of '96, congratulations. You made it! We're proud of you. Lots of luck. Love, Mom, Bob & Jenny.

To April, Keep your eyes on the Lord and He will keep your path straight. May God bless you in all you do. Love ya! The Manfredis. April, We love you and are very proud of you. Remember you can do all things in Christ. May your future be bright. Love Dad, Midge, and Jess.

Emily, Good luck in college. You made it this far, you can make it all the way. The world is yours. Go for it and reach for the stars.

God bless you. Love always, Mom.

Emily ... Good luck in college. May God bless you. We wish you the best. You can do it. Love, your brother Eddie, Jeannette and

Ashlev.

Good luck in college, Goldie. We wish the best life has to offer you. Don't let anything get in your way. Love, Vanessa & Amy Lamboy Enterprises, Pedro Lamboy, President, wishes Emily Lamboy and the Class of 1996 the best of luck in the future. Good luck Goldie. Best of luck in college. Strive for the best. You can do it. From your Dad.

lamillah, Always remember God is on your side. Love, Daddy.

Congratulations and much love to Tanisha. Good luck and remember the coolest MAK of all time. Kariem AKA Little Mak C/O 96. Tanisha, I hope you succeed in the future. It has been a pleasure of mine to know you. I hope your basketball improves. From Talani. Congratulations to a very crazy person. I wish you the best of luck in your future, Tanisha from Robert.

Good luck to Tanisha Stevenson from your eighth grade teacher at Bragaw Avenue School, Mrs. Shorter.

To our wonderful son, Abraham, We are so proud of you. We wish you the best. From your Mom and Dad, Martha and Abraham.

We love you.

Best of luck to my son which I love with all my heart. Congratulations from your loving family and mother Irma. May God bless you.

We're very proud of you, Abraham Villanueva. We wish you the best. Love, your Uncle, Aunt and Cousin Raul, Carmen and Cynthia

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Congratulations Silvia!

We're very proud

of you.

Love, Mom, Dad Avo, and Lena TYREE CALDWELL

To Our Boo,

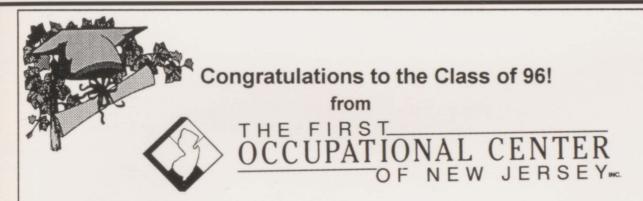
It was a long journey
But we made it.
And I know you will make it.
We're very proud of you.

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CONGRATULATIONS TANISHA STEVENSON

We are so very proud of you! Love, Locosha and Mickey



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As you leave the halls of Arts High ... just relax and think ... the easy part is over ... now comes the challenge. You've made me a proud parent.

Love, Mom



"Education is your passport to the future. for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today." Malcolm X.

Good luck in all your future endeavors. Love, Aunt Elaine. Uncle Joe and Karen

Through life we have all tried to provide you with advice for one thing or another and life in general. Use it like a road map and please note the stop signs and the caution lights. We are proud of you.

Grandma

CONGRATULATIONS!

We know you will succeed in your future endeavors. Hope you will go to college and graduate with honors, but don't stop there. We love you little sister.

Tamara, Jeffrey and Jasmine

May you be successful in whatever you set out to do.

Dorothy and Carmelo

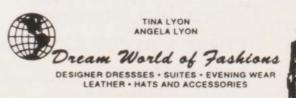
Best of luck to you. Louis

Set big goals and then achieve them. Love, Aunt Shirley and Uncle David Kendra, you're a very beautiful and special person. Strive for the best and good luck in all you do.

Love always, NANDO!

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One day, a young man walked into the local pizzeria. He had been in there so many times before that he was a regular. This young man would always play the pinball machine. So, on this particular day, the store owner made a deal with the young man. He told him that if he could beat the machine that he would give him a free pizza. Well, the young man loved pizza. So, he started playing the machine to see if he could beat it.

Meanwhile, the young man's father was at home. He was doing something that he always did on the weekend when the phone rang. It was the owner of the store. The owner told the father of the deal he had made with the son. The father couldn't understand the meaning behind what he was being told. Then, the owner proceeded to tell the father to come and get his son because the young man had been beating the machine, and he already owed him five free pizza pies. This young man was Inocencio Alvarez.

Inocencio was a boy very much like other kids with simple human pleasures and desires. He had a great love for cars, video games, music, dancing, pizza, girls, and sports. He especially loved basketball, baseball, and bowling. He spent most of his time with his cousins and reading the sports section of the newspaper. He played baseball as well

as other sports the best he could, and he always ended up winning the game.

However, Inocencio was more than that. He had great academic interests and dreams. He loved reading books of all kinds. He enjoyed science, history, math, and politics. He had dreams of attending college, particularly one in New Jersey because of his close ties with his family. Inocencio often spoke of Rutgers in Newark as if it was his college of choice.

He kept a very tight bond with his family. He and his father, Gumersindo Alvarez, would spend their weekends camping or watching all types of movies. They had a relationship in which they could talk about anything. However when he was not with his father, he spent time with his cousins, friends, and his brother, Peanut. They all spent many hours at the pizzeria, arcade, bowling alley, or anywhere else they could go. Sometimes, they would stay at home just playing cards or talking.

Inocencio was close to all of those he came in contact with. He touched many lives, and with his smile, he brought many smiles to a lot of faces. He is greatly missed and will always be remembered in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.



